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OVERSEA TRADE

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

1962-63

SCOPE

This bulletin shows direct trade between overseas countries and South Australia. The 1962-63 figures are preliminary and subject to revision.

INTERSTATE TRADE AND OVERSEA TRADE VIA OTHER STATES IS EXCLUDED.

VALUE of exports is expressed £A f.o.b. or its equivalent at port of shipment; value of imports is "transaction value" £A f.o.b. or "domestic value" £A f.o.b. at port of shipment, whichever is the greater.

QUANTITIES are tabulated only in respect of exports for which there is an appropriate unit of quantity.

EXPORTS TO  
OVERSEA  
COUNTRIES

The United Kingdom is the principal country to which goods are exported. Exports to that country increased from £27.1 million in 1949-50 to a peak of £55.5 million (45.1 per cent of total exports) in 1952-53. Since then the proportion of exports shipped to the United Kingdom has declined generally to 25.4 per cent of total value in 1962-63.

The value of exports to other countries fluctuates considerably from year to year, but four countries - Japan, United States of America, France, and New Zealand - have taken over 30 per cent of South Australian exports in recent years. In 1962-63 the respective proportions of total exports shipped to those countries were 16.1 per cent, 8.6 per cent, 6.0 per cent, and 4.5 per cent.

TABLE 1 - VALUE OF EXPORTS TO PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES : SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Country of Consignment	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63
	£'000				
United Kingdom	31,474	28,836	26,734	31,250	27,106
India, Republic of	961	1,091	1,333	2,785	2,104
New Zealand	7,103	3,861	5,431	5,006	4,785
Belgium and Luxembourg	3,409	2,558	2,187	2,945	3,050
China, Republic of - Mainland	970	1,328	7,446	6,440	1,037
France	6,288	7,085	5,747	6,103	6,381
Germany, Federal Republic of	3,494	5,077	3,400	6,997	3,011
Italy	2,138	2,643	3,123	5,473	4,298
Japan	11,978	11,601	17,572	17,909	17,237
Netherlands	2,312	1,456	1,686	2,931	770
United States of America	7,687	7,108	4,567	10,354	9,118
TOTAL (including other)	90,916	90,826	99,279	121,988	106,611

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VOLUME OF  
OVERSEA  
EXPORTS

The following table shows the quantities of selected items of exports for each of the last five years.

In 1962-63 181.8 million (greasy equivalent) lb. of wool was exported, a small decrease from the all-time record quantity of 185.2 million (greasy equivalent) lb. exported in 1961-62. The fall in the price of wool during the last twelve years is indicated by the fact that although the total greasy equivalent quantity exported during 1962-63 was 54.3 per cent greater than the quantity exported in 1950-51 the total value was 23.9 per cent less than the record of £54.9 million attained in 1950-51.

The quantity of barley exported during 1962-63 was 6.9 million bushels, a sharp decline from the record 24.8 million bushels exported in 1961-62. Wheat exports of 18.5 million bushels during 1962-63 were 38.6 per cent less than the 1961-62 exports of 30.1 million bushels (the greatest quantity exported since 1932-33).

TABLE 2 - QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED : SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Principal Commodities	Unit	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63
'000						
<u>Foodstuffs, Alcoholic Liquors, Tobacco</u>						
Butter	lb.	1,039	596	607	465	182
Cheese	lb.	8,972	8,976	11,164	15,706	11,966
Flour (inc. Semolina)	ton	54	60	72	83	90
Fruit, Dried - Currants	lb.	8,111	5,171	6,346	5,225	3,025
Raisins	lb.	22,324	14,802	12,959	14,510	16,041
Other	lb.	2,344	4,341	4,147	3,427	4,099
Fresh - Apples	case	222	364	245	324	363
Preserved and Pulped	lb.	9,543	16,745	14,503	21,130	14,886
Grain - Barley	bush.	17,683	13,705	22,427	24,768	6,875
Oats	bush.	2,107	18	406	1,148	298
Wheat	bush.	14,386	11,161	23,911	30,149	18,516
Meat - Lamb	lb.	21,475	12,145	10,079	5,465	15,336
Peas (inc. Split Peas)	cental	171	29	63	52	90
Spirituos Liquors	pf gal.	94	96	78	96	100
Wine	gal.	1,671	1,676	1,813	1,568	1,516
<u>Animal and Vegetable Substances</u> (not Foodstuffs)						
Tallow	cwt	138	147	125	162	202
Wool - Greasy	lb.	132,347	132,704	133,261	158,008	152,302
Other	lb.	12,781	13,035	10,316	14,326	15,541
<u>Minerals, Metals, &amp; Metal Manufactures</u>						
Minerals -						
Gypsum	cwt	1,097	1,393	1,585	1,535	2,803
Concentrates and Ores -						
Copper	cwt	82	425	487	570	643
Lead and Silver-lead	cwt	971	826	945	909	2,158
Zinc	cwt	3,922	3,321	4,634	4,009	4,111
Metals & Metal Manufactures -						
Iron and Steel Scrap	cwt	516	441	442	427	1,008
Lead (Pig)	cwt	2,847	2,422	2,537	3,918	3,329
Silver (Bars, Ingots)	fine oz	3,276	3,201	1,570	615	11

VALUE OF  
OVERSEA  
EXPORTS

Table 3 shows values of principal commodities exported and Table 4 shows values of exports according to commodity groups.

As shown in Table 4 about 90 per cent of the value of exports comes from the Agricultural, Pastoral, and Mining groups. The commodities of greatest value in each group are:- Agricultural - wheat, barley, and flour; Pastoral - wool, sheep-skins, and meat; Mining - lead (pig), lead (including silver-lead) concentrates, and zinc concentrates.



The main variations in the average value per unit of quantity of these commodities during the five years under review were as follows:- Barley fell from 11s. 6d. per bushel in 1958-59 to 8s. 7d. in 1960-61 but rose to 10s. 2d. in 1962-63. Wool fluctuated between 4s. 0d. and 4s. 9d. per lb., realizing 4s. 7d. in 1962-63. Lead (pig) rose slightly from £4. 7. 5. per cwt in 1958-59 to £4. 9. 6. in 1959-60 but then declined to £3. 5. 6 per cwt in 1962-63. Lead (including silver-lead) concentrates decreased from £2. 18. 4. per cwt in 1958-59 to £2. 8. 7. in 1962-63. Zinc concentrates rose steadily from 9s. 10d. per cwt in 1958-59 to 18s. 0d. in 1961-62 but fell to 15s. 10d. in 1962-63.

TABLE 3 - VALUE OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED (a) : SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Principal Commodities	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63
	£'000				
<u>Foodstuffs, Alcoholic Liquors, Tobacco</u>					
Butter	160	91	80	58	23
Cheese	1,112	987	956	1,257	1,035
Fish (inc. Crayfish)	392	239	159	435	407
Flour (inc. Semolina)	1,682	1,684	2,028	2,491	2,758
Fruit, Dried - Currants	488	317	359	306	181
Raisins	1,601	1,065	940	944	1,002
Other	362	540	526	534	698
Fresh - Apples	414	557	362	555	541
Other	359	523	363	314	283
Juices and Syrups	151	81	79	29	40
Preserved and Pulped	599	1,001	882	1,283	887
Grain - Barley	10,202	6,126	9,609	11,711	3,484
Oats	642	7	116	349	139
Wheat	10,146	7,830	16,271	21,419	13,543
Honey	49	102	130	136	110
Meat - Lamb	2,144	895	689	394	1,282
Other	1,650	1,678	813	1,271	1,894
Peas (inc. Split Peas)	341	67	149	122	206
Spirituous Liquors	126	147	128	161	164
Wine	1,073	1,182	1,197	1,264	1,251
<u>Animal and Vegetable Substances</u> (not Foodstuffs)					
Hides and Skins	2,511	3,841	2,911	3,137	4,055
Tallow	564	481	427	482	518
Wool - Greasy	27,233	32,301	28,821	36,452	36,345
Other	4,370	5,114	3,343	5,101	5,461
<u>Minerals, Metals, &amp; Metal Manufactures</u>					
Minerals -					
Gypsum	117	193	216	230	337
Concentrates and Ores -					
Copper	298	1,408	1,631	1,937	2,293
Lead and Silver-lead	2,832	2,317	2,670	2,567	5,241
Zinc	1,927	2,191	3,784	3,615	3,251
Metals and Metal Manufactures -					
Cadmium	83	111	54	57	65
Iron and Steel Scrap	372	392	368	351	636
Lead (Pig)	12,438	10,841	10,499	14,277	10,898
Machinery and Vehicles	940	2,300	2,872	2,254	2,855
Silver (Bars, Ingots)	1,293	1,307	641	257	6
Other Metals & Metal Manufactures	657	1,124	2,955	2,701	1,777
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Paint, Drugs, Chemicals, Plastics	56	95	228	154	126
Salt	133	124	165	370	320
All Other	1,399	1,567	1,858	3,013	2,499
TOTAL EXPORTS	90,916	90,826	99,279	121,988	106,611

(a) The values of export items include the values of outside packages (containers and crates).



TABLE 4 - VALUE OF EXPORTS : COMMODITY GROUPS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Commodity Group	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63
	£'000				
Agricultural	23,352	16,022	28,649	36,773	20,579
Pastoral and Dairying	39,906	45,525	38,302	48,454	50,930
Orchards, Vineyards, Gardens	5,124	5,284	4,748	5,300	4,970
Mining	19,341	19,042	22,102	25,687	23,778
Manufacturing & Miscellaneous	3,193	4,953	5,478	5,774	6,354
TOTAL	90,916	90,826	99,279	121,988	106,611

SOURCE OF  
OVERSEA  
IMPORTS

The United Kingdom is the main supplier of goods imported into South Australia. Since 1949-50 the value of direct imports from that country has varied between £16.4 million and £36.4 million while the proportion has fluctuated between 31.7 per cent and 52.2 per cent of total imports, decreasing from 43.9 per cent in 1959-60 to 32.7 per cent in 1960-61 and 31.7 per cent in 1961-62 and 1962-63.

In 1962-63 the United Kingdom supplied 31.7 per cent of total imports, United States of America 22.8 per cent, and Canada 6.8 per cent, and in each of the last six years those countries were the source of about 60 per cent of total imports.

TABLE 5 - VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES : SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Country of Origin	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63
	£'000				
United Kingdom	19,037	26,180	23,267	16,400	22,167
Canada	3,068	3,438	4,677	3,086	4,727
India, Republic of	2,598	1,614	3,617	1,714	1,687
Pakistan	460	487	1,150	1,904	1,067
Germany, Federal Republic of	1,717	2,596	2,817	2,522	2,876
Indonesia	1,369	1,627	1,290	1,262	757
Japan	1,157	1,603	3,823	1,684	2,843
Netherlands	1,803	2,065	2,579	1,279	1,722
Sweden	716	770	891	1,435	1,049
United States of America	5,203	7,243	12,542	11,228	15,969
TOTAL (including other)	45,346	59,747	71,382	51,693	69,915

VALUE OF  
OVERSEA  
IMPORTS

Since 1949-50 the value of imports into South Australia has varied between £45 million and £71 million annually except for 1951-52, when it reached £93 million. The changes in totals have been influenced mainly by two groups of commodities:-

- (1) Metals and Metal Manufactures, which comprises nearly half of all imports. The most variable commodities in this group are Motor Vehicles and Iron and Steel.
- (2) Oils, Fats, and Waxes. The value of direct imports of this group, which includes Petrol, Kerosene, and Diesel Oil, fell steadily from £8.5 million in 1953-54 to £2.9 million in 1957-58 but rose slightly to £3.5 million in 1961-62. During this period supplies from newly-established refineries in other States tended to replace direct overseas imports of refined oil products. The sharp increase in direct overseas imports to £6.1 million in 1962-63 resulted from the import of crude oil for use in an oil refinery which commenced operating in South Australia during the year.

The general pattern of imports has not changed greatly since before the war, but some changes have occurred in the proportions which principal items bear to total imports. In addition to the variations in Oils, Fats, and Waxes, marked fluctuations have occurred in the Vehicle group, which accounted for 7.4 per cent of total imports in 1938-39, 13.8 per cent in 1960-61, 12.5 per cent in 1961-62, and 21.8 per cent in 1962-63.



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TABLE 6 - VALUE OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES IMPORTED (a) : SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Principal Commodities	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63
	£'000				
<u>Foodstuffs, Alcoholic Liquors, Tobacco</u>					
Cocoa, Coffee, and Chicory	153	136	152	154	150
Fish (all kinds)	334	497	584	559	589
Tea	773	627	583	567	503
Tobacco and Cigarettes	52	70	89	116	130
Whisky	59	68	77	88	66
<u>Animal and Vegetable Substances</u> (not Foodstuffs)					
Apparel and Attire	317	338	473	258	312
Bags and Sacks	2,026	1,112	3,705	2,772	1,599
Fibres - Vegetable	1,190	1,090	1,348	1,263	1,202
Paper, Paper Pulp, and Paper Board	1,616	2,346	2,616	1,595	2,288
Rubber and Rubber Goods	514	782	853	760	917
Stationery and Books	1,005	1,141	1,310	1,419	1,419
Textiles and Piecegoods	2,818	3,201	3,657	2,773	3,250
Timber	2,067	2,828	3,603	2,100	2,583
Yarns	124	140	181	107	138
<u>Paints, Drugs, Chemicals, Plastics</u>					
Drugs, Chemicals, and Medicines	1,600	1,462	1,685	1,423	1,785
Fertilizers	597	635	762	818	870
Paints, Varnishes, and Pigments	207	235	294	204	306
Plastic Materials, Fibres, and Yarns	556	1,086	1,126	899	1,065
<u>Minerals, Metals, and Metal Manufactures</u>					
Cutlery and Platedware	107	107	116	72	90
Electrical Equipment	3,204	4,713	4,235	3,032	4,199
Iron and Steel	1,991	2,335	6,891	1,629	2,490
Machines and Machinery -					
Dynamo Electrical	542	562	720	681	1,042
Other	6,718	9,481	11,122	8,986	10,352
Non-ferrous Metals	211	320	578	356	483
Vehicles -					
Aircraft and Parts	300	438	152	209	143
Motor Vehicles and Parts	5,192	8,505	8,741	5,918	14,433
Motor Cycles, Cycles and Parts	215	264	286	150	185
Other Vehicles and Parts	182	150	699	198	486
Wire	143	214	577	154	284
Other Metals & Metal Manufactures	1,460	1,892	2,179	2,006	1,718
<u>Oils, Fats, Waxes</u>					
Petrol	1,434	1,683	2,014	1,652	1,807
Kerosene	496	662	574	337	525
Lubricating Oil (Mineral)	525	572	578	635	548
Other	658	669	654	827	3,252
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Arms, Ammunition, Explosives	82	123	156	89	109
Earthenware - Ceramic Tiles	102	183	185	165	215
Household Ware	376	360	328	272	321
Glass and Glassware	1,192	1,280	1,287	810	1,309
Instruments - Musical	61	78	114	76	93
Scientific	241	267	299	271	265
Jewellery and Timepieces	183	196	239	346	296
Outside Packages (a)	910	1,260	1,417	1,090	1,699
All Other	2,813	5,639	4,143	3,857	4,399
TOTAL IMPORTS	45,346	59,747	71,382	51,693	69,915

(a) The value of outside packages is recorded as a separate item.

